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FM AMEMBASSY ASUNCION

TO COMMANDANT NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE

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NWC FOR CMDR LAUX

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: MARR, PA

SUBJECT: NWC FIELD TRIP - PARAGUAY

REF: NWC 052100Z MAR 74 AND PREVIOUS

1. EMBASSY HAS MADE RESERVATIONS FOR TWENTY DOUBLE ROOMS AND THREE SINGLE ROOMS AT HOTEL GUARANI (ADDRESS: OLIVE E/ INDUSTRI NACIONAL Y NTRA. SRA. DE LA ASUNCION; TELEPHONE 44-330) FOR FRIDAY, MAY 3 SATURDAY, MAR 4 AND SUNDAY, MAY 5.

2. DAILY RATES (WHICH INCLUDE BREAKFAST) CALCULATED AT EXCHANGE RATE OF 130 GUARANIES PER ONE US DOLLAR: US\$25.09 DOUBLE AND US\$18.31 SINGLE. (OFFICIAL RATE OF EXCHANGE PRESENTLY ONE DOLLAR EQUALS 126 GUARANIES BUT ACTUAL EXCHANGE LIKELY TO BE MADE AT 130 OR 132.)

3. GROUP SHOULD PLAN TO PRESENT PERSONALIZED GIFT (SUCH AS CUFFLINKS OR CIGARETTE LIGHTER) TO "PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC, GENERAL OF THE ARMY ALFREDO STROESSNER" AT TIME OF MEETING WITH HIM MORNING MAY 6. LESSER MOMENTOS ALSO MAY BE PRESENTED TO FOREIGN MINISTER, TO HOST COUNTRY BRIEFING OFFICIALS, HOST AT LOCAL LUNCHEON, ETC. AS DESIRED.

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4. SINCE LOCAL CUSTOM DICTATES IT, TRIP LEADER CAPT. HAYES, TOGETHER WITH AMBASSADOR LANDAU SHOULD LAY WREATH AT PANTHEON OF HEROES MONDAY MORNING IMMEDIATELY BEFORE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO PROCURE APPROPRIATE WREATH (APPROXIMATELY \$40.00) AND TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CEREMONY.

5. IN ORDER TAKE MAXIMUM ADVANTAGE SHOPPING TIME AVAILABLE AFTER MONDAY CALLS ON PRESIDENT AND FOREIGN MINISTER, SUGGEST FLIGHT LUNCH ON BOARD FOLLOWING DEPARTURE ASUNCION. LOCAL CATERER CHARGES APPROXIMATELY US\$4.00 PER LUNCH. PLEASE ADVISE.

6. PLEASE FURNISH POST WITH NAME OF TRIP ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER.

7. PLEASE FORWARD CREW LIST WHEN AVAILABLE, AS WELL AS BREAKDOWN BETWEEN NWC STAFF AND STUDENTS.

8. PLEASE FORWARD COMPLETE COPY OF APPROVED PRESS RELEASE.

9. FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS FURNISHED IN RESPONSE TO QUERIES AND CHECKLIST CONTAINED IN LAUX TO MCLAIN LETTER OF FEBRUARY 20 AND PREVIOUS CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE EMBASSY:

A. TO FACILITATE ENTRY ALL PASSPORTS, WITH VISAS, VACCINATION CERTIFICATES AND COMPLETED STANDARD INTERNATIONAL ENTRY FORMS (SUCH AS USED BY COMMERCIAL AIRLINES) SHOULD BE READY FOR EMBASSY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IMMEDIATELY UPON ARRIVAL. THERE WILL BE NO FORMAL CUSTOMS INSPECTION.

B. ALL CURRENT IN ASUNCION IS 220 VOLTS, 50 CYCLES. OUTLETS ARE TWO PRONG, ROUND OR UNIVERSAL.

C. WATER IN ASUNCION IS POTABLE.

D. NO NATIONAL OR RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS OCCUR DURING VISIT. GOVERNMENT OFFICES CLOSED FRIDAY NOON THROUGH SUNDAY AND MOST COMMERCE CLOSED SATURDAY AT 1100 OR NOON THROUGH SUNDAY.

E. DINERS CLUB, AMERICAN EXPRESS AND BANKAMERICARD ACCEPTED BY SOME FIRMS IN ASUNCION.

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F. HOTEL CLAIMS THREE HOUR DRY CLEANING AND LAUNDRY SERVICE AVAILABLE DAILY FROM 0600 TO 1300, EXCEPT SUNDAYS.

G. CLOTHING CARRIED PER PARA (I), PAGE 9, OF MEMORANDUM FOR PROJECT OFFICERS WILL BE ADEUATE. PLEASE NOTE THAT CHILLY, RAINY WEATHER OR HOT WEATHER ARE EQUALLY LIKELY IN EARLY MAY.

H. MAILING ADDRESSES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(1) COMMERCIAL: EMBAJADA DE LOS EE.UU.

(INTERNATIONAL) APT. POSTAL 402

ASUNCION, PARAGUAY

TIME: FIRST CLASS LETTER MAIL 3 TO 5 DAYS

PACKAGES NOT FEASIBLE

AIRMAIL POSTAGE 21 CENTS

(2) APO: AMERICAN EMBASSY

APO NEW YORK 09881

TIME: FIRST CLASS LETTER MAIL APPROXIMATELY 1 WEEK

PACKAGES: (PAL) 1 TO 8 WEEKS

AIRMAIL POSTAGE 13 CENTS

(3) STATE DEPARTMENT POUCH: AMERICAN EMBASSY

ASUNCION

TIME: (AIR POUCH) 1 WEEK

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